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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IRAQI JEWS

REF: STATE 80551, STATE 84779

1. EXTAFF REPORTS GOC NOT RPT NOT INCLINED AT THIS TIME APPROACH IRAQI GOVERNMENT CONCERNING JEWS REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED OR KILLED AS DESCRIBED REFTELS. A) CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, RESIDENT BEIRUT, MADE DEMARCHE ON SIMILAR REPORTS EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WAS TOLD CATEGORICALLY THAT NO JEWS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED: B) INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY AND INEXACT (EXTAFF HAD REPORTS OF GAHTAN BROTHERS DISAPPEARANCE SOME WEEKS AGO, BUT HAS HEARD NOTHING SINCE); C) DESPITE PERSISTENT RUMORS, EXTAFF BELIEVES ATMOSPHERE IN BAGHDAD AND IN GOI NOT RPT NOT AS HOSTILE TO JEWISH COMMUNITY AS IN PAST. EXTAFF CONCERNED LEST PERSISTENT APPROACHES CONCERNING JEWISH COMMUNITY HARDEN GOI ATTITUDE.

2. EXTAFF WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, SINCE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ABLE VISIT BAGHDAD ONLY INFREQUENTLY, AND WOULD BE PREPARED RE-CONSIDER IF FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.
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